

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: 16761/153

Applicant: Roy A. BLACK *et al.*

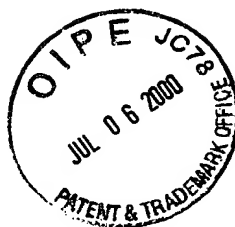
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Title: CRYSTALLINE TNF- $\alpha$ -CONVERTING ENZYME AND USES  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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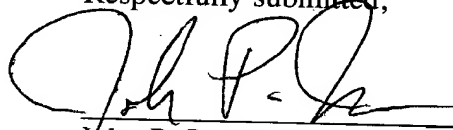
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2000, applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group V, claims 40-62, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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